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SUBJECT: GENERAL	Hungarians in Italy		STATUS
SPECIFIC	T. L. Laszlo (suspect)		Suspect
REFERENCE:	JZX-3754, para. 8; JZX-1911; JZX-1934.		
SOURCE:	JX1		

SYNOPSIS: 1. Subject's suspicious character and shady past have been reported more than once. (See references).

It is most likely that Subject is an agent, either British or Italian, or both.

BEKEFI, a popular Hungarian comedian ridiculed Nazism consistently. He is in Switzerland undergoing treatment for tuberculosis he contracted in a concentration camp. Additional information on Subject could be obtained from BEKEFI on Subject's role under SZALASI.

4. We request SCI/2 Milan to take up with matter with CIG Milan and prepare the case for appropriate action.
5. Additional information on Subject is requested from Vienna and Budapest.

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SUBJECT: Lasslo TARNÓY

1. A reliable source reports to JK 1 that Lasslo TARNÓY, (TARNÓI) alleged doctor, and a Hungarian citizen, married with no children, living at 25 Piazza Castello in Milan, claims to be an agent of the British IS.

2. As a matter of fact he is an active member of the Crocefrecciatà (cross and arrow) Party, by virtue of which he penetrated the Budapest magistracy and rose as high as chief judge. He was at that time a relentless persecutor of the Jews and of pro-British elements. His conduct in the BEKEFI affair is an example: Láslo BEKEFI, an actor and noted for his anti-Nazi and pro-British views, was arrested, together with some of his friends, and condemned to death. (BEKEFI's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.)

3. After the fall of Budapest, TARNÓY went to Milan with two cars, a great many furs, and his pretty young wife (musical comedy artist). He penetrated the ranks of the Fronte della Gioventù, where he passed for a refugee and professional journalist.

4. The Hungarian Consulate cannot take any action against him, even though his real history is known, because of his alleged connection with the British Information Service.